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Title : OPTICAL INFORMATION PROCESSOR AND OPTICAL ELEMENT

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph before the "Field of the Invention" heading:

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:**

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/436,847, filed November 9, 1999.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-61 and 72-77.

**REMARKS**

Applicant submits that the above amendments are fully supported by the original specification and that no new matter has been added. The amendments to the claims are solely made to cancel claims in accordance with a restriction requirement issued in the parent application of this application and not made in view of prior art. Applicant believes this application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone

